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| Assignee: | Cisco Technology, Inc. | | |
| Title: | Method and Apparatus for Providing Network Security Using Role-Based Access Control | | |
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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated April 10, 2007, having a shortened statutory period expiring on July 10, 2007. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.